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Applicant : Neil H. Bander

Art Unit : 1642

Serial No. : 09/357,709

Examiner : Jennifer Hunt

Filed : July 20, 1999

Title : Treatment and Diagnosis of Prostate Cancer

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 24, 26-37 and 39-42 (renumbered as claims 1-17 in the Notice of Allowability mailed June 19, 2001 (Paper No. 10)), and add new claims 68-107 as follows:

-- 68. A method of detecting normal, benign hyperplastic, or cancerous prostate cells or a portion thereof in a human subject, comprising:

providing an antibody or antigen binding portion thereof which binds to an extracellular domain of prostate specific membrane antigen, wherein the antibody or antigen binding portion thereof is bound to a label effective to permit detection of normal, benign hyperplastic, or cancerous prostate cells or a portion thereof;

administering the antibody or antigen binding portion thereof to the human subject;

detecting the presence of the normal, benign hyperplastic, or cancerous prostate cells or a portion thereof by detecting the label.

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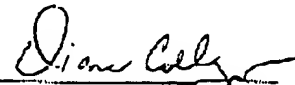
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